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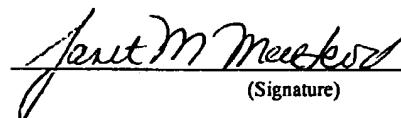
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2003 for the above-identified application. Applicant requests a two-month extension of time for responding to the Office Action, and encloses a check in the amount of \$420 in payment of the fee under 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(2). Entry of the following amendment is respectfully requested to place the claims in condition for allowance or in better condition for consideration on appeal.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.